

CLAIMS

1. (cancelled)

2 (AMENDED) The cover of claim [[4]] 6 wherein said plate is one of a resilient metal alloy and polymer.

3. (AMENDED) The cover of claim [[4]] 6 wherein said plate has a thickness selected from a range of thickness from .01 inches to .030 inches.

4. (CANCELED)

5 (AMENDED) The cover of claim [[4]] 6 wherein each aperture of said array of apertures has a shape selected from a group of shapes consisting of a diamond, a circle, an oblong slot, a square, a rectangle.

6. (AMENDED) A cover for a wheel for a skateboard, said wheel having a cylindrical tread surface joined to convex surfaces on opposite sides of the wheel and concentric with a bore, said bore having a shoulder on each end of the bore arranged to support a bearing and retaining nut mounted on an axle positioned through said bore, wherein said cover comprises:

a plate bounded by a circular outside edge and a circular inside edge concentric with said circular outside edge,

said plate having a shape that is convex in a convex direction opposite a concave face;

said plate having a circular neck region bounded by said inside edge and extending in a direction opposite said convex direction;

said shape of said plate and said neck dimensioned in operable combination with said wheel to provide that said cover be securely positionable with said concave surface flush against said convex surface of said wheel and said neck press fitted inside said shoulder;

said plate having a plurality of apertures arranged in a circle concentrically around said neck region.

~~The cover of claim 4 further comprising:~~

a gasket being a flat ring with an inside diameter and outside diameter having an adhesive composition coating on both sides of said gasket;

said gasket arranged for positioning between said convex surface of said wheel and said concave surface of said plate whereby security of said cover flush against said front surface of said wheel is enhanced.

7 (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A cover for a wheel for a skateboard, said wheel having a cylindrical tread surface joined to convex surfaces on opposite sides of the wheel and concentric with a bore, a shoulder arranged to support a bearing and retaining nut mounted on an axle positioned through said bore, wherein said cover comprises:

a plate bounded by a circular outside edge and a circular inside edge concentric with said circular outside edge;

said plate having a shape that is convex in a convex direction opposite a concave face;

said plate having a circular neck region bounded by said inside edge and extending in a direction opposite said convex direction;

said shape of said plate and said neck dimensioned in operable combination with said

wheel to provide that said cover is securely positionable with said concave surface flush against said convex surface of said wheel and said neck is press fitted inside said

shoulder ;

said plate being a resilient metal alloy having a thickness selected from a range of thickness from .01 inches to .030 inches;

said plate having a plurality of apertures arranged in a circle concentrically around said neck region;

each aperture of said array of apertures has a shape selected from a group of shapes that consists of diamond, a circle, an oblong slot, a square, a rectangle.

a gasket being a flat ring with an inside diameter and outside diameter having an adhesive composition coating both sides of said gasket;

said gasket arranged for positioning between said front surface of said wheel and said concave surface of said plate whereby security of said cover flush against said front surface of said wheel is enhanced.

8 (ORIGINAL) A method for applying identifying markings on a skate board which includes the steps:

providing for each wheel of said skate board the cover of claim 7 wherein a design of said apertures is unique;

mounting one of said covers having said unique design on each wheel of said skateboard.